

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q94468

Toshihisa KOMORI, *et al.*

Appln. No.: 10/576,496

Group Art Unit: 1636

Confirmation No.: 4656

Examiner: Jennifer Ann Dunston

Filed: April 20, 2006

For: BONE AND/OR JOINT DISEASE-ASSOCIATED GENES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of February 20, 2009, to July 20, 2009.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory fee of \$490.00 and all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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